

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

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The global financial crisis is having profound effects on the local economy and is affecting all residents of the County. As the County intends to participate fully in Federal and State “stimulus” programs to create well-paying jobs and public infrastructure of long-term value, it is imperative to place “stimulus” funds into use as quickly and cost-effectively as possible without compromising environmental values.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the County Executive Office and Department of Public Works and any other departments, commissions and agencies deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officers to prepare:

- a. Recommendations for “streamlining” the public procurement, contracting and contract approval processes on an emergency and temporary basis, in order to begin “stimulus” projects as quickly as possible and to facilitate the translation of “stimulus” funds into well-paying local jobs; and
- b. Recommendations for special initiatives to ensure that “stimulus” benefits are distributed in fair and appropriate allocations throughout the County.

I, FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the CEO, County Counsel and Department of Public Works to report back to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days with draft recommendations in these regards.

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